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"LIVE FREE AND DINE" DURING RESTAURANT WEEK NH

Participating Granite State restaurants offer prix fixe fare for a value from May 16-23

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE (May 15, 2014) – Visitors to New Hampshire (www.visitnh.gov) can "Live Free and Dine" at more than 150 participating restaurants during the Third Annual Restaurant Week NH (www.restaurantweeknh.com), May 16-23, 2014. This eight-day event, hosted by the New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association, features limited-time prix-fixe menus allowing foodies to sample some of the Granite State's finest local fare at special low prices.

Participating establishments will offer three-course prix fixe menus at three price levels: Level 1 offers \$10 lunches and \$15 dinners; Level 2 offers \$15 lunches and \$25 dinners; and Level 3 offers \$20 lunches and \$35 dinners. Participants are also able to opt for a fourth course during the promotion with proceeds benefitting the NH Food Bank. A full list of restaurant week eateries is available at www.restaurantweeknh.com/index.php/restaurants.

A special kick-off event will be held on Thursday, May 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The <u>Bedford Village Inn</u>. Guests can enjoy samples of cocktails prepared with Bacardi Mango Fusion and Woodford Reserve bourbon, wines from Estancia Vineyards and beers from Woodstock Inn Station and Brewery along with dishes specially prepared by renowned chefs from restaurants across the state, including:

- Nicole Barreira, T-Bones &Cactus Jack's
- **Josh Farrington**, White Mountain Hotel & Resort
- Christopher Grauwiler, 900 Degrees
- Chris Volkmann, Copper Door Restaurant
- Laurent Geroli, Stickney's at Omni Mount Washington Resort
- Roland Von Gunten, Common Man Family
- Kevin Halligan, Laconia Local Eatery

Tickets are priced at \$35 and are available for purchase in person at the Bedford Village Inn, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling 603-472-2001.

For more information on Restaurant Week NH, please visit www.restaurantweeknh.com.

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